Youm Al-Ard, Land Day in Southern California

Al-Awda, The Palestine Right To Return Coalition

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Background

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Youm Al-Ard/Day of The Land has been marked world-wide yearly since the killing on March 30, 1976 of six Palestinians in Galilee by Israeli troops during peaceful protests over the confiscation of Palestinian lands. The Zionist occupation imposed a curfew effective from 5 PM on March 29, 1976 on the Palestinian villages of Sakhnin, Arraba, Deir Hanna, Tur'an, Tamra, and Kabul after it announced plans to further expropriate/steal thousands of dounams of Palestinian Arab land for "security and settlement purposes". In response Palestinians called and organized a general strike and protests from Al-Jalil in the north (Galilee) to Al-Naqab in the south on March 30 1976. During the protests, occupation Zionist soldiers and police ttacked and killed 6 Palestinians, wounded one hundred, and arrested hundreds. Solidarity strikes were also held almost simultaneously in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and in most of the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon. Youm al-Ard is particularly significant because it was the first time since the 1948 occupation that Palestinian Arabs in "Israel" organized a response to Zionist occupation policies as a Palestinian national collective. Palestinians and their supporters throughout the world mark Youm Al-Ard annually ever since.

Events In Southern California

As part of the annual Youm El-Ard/Day of the Land Activities in Southern California, Al-Awda, The Palestine Right to Return Coalition has organized the following program of events:

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Los Angeles: A Day of the Land Demonstration will be held on Friday March 29, 2013, starting 3 PM infront of the Zionist consulate (11766 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90025) with participation from all of Al-Awda's chapters in Southern California. Organizations wishing to co-sponsor, please email mazenalmoukdad@hotmail.com

San Diego: On Saturday March 30, 2013 Al-Awda's Chapter in San Diego will be presenting the following program starting 5 PM at Al-Awda's Palestine National Center (2720 Loker Avenue West Suite J, Carlsbad CA 92010): A Youm Al-Ard and Spring Bazaar to help raise awareness and support for Al-Awda's work; A discussion on the Significance of Youm Al-Ard in the Palestinian national struggle for liberation and return; A presentation by Khayrieh Zubaidi about the current dire situation in Al-Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp in Syria and what you can do to help; And a screening of the film "Degrees of Incarceration" followed by discussion with one of the film makers Nidal Al-Azraq from Aida refugee camp. For additional information please email office@al-awda.org or call 760-918-9441

Orange County: On Sunday March 31, 2013 starting at 11 AM, with exact location to be announced, Al-Awda's Los Angeles/Orange County chapter will host a screening of "Degrees of Incarceration" with discussion by Nidal Al-Azraq. This will be followed by presentation by Khayrieh Zubaidi about the current dire situation in Al-Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp in Syria. For further information please email mazenalmoukdad@hotmail.com or call 323-350-0000

Ventura County: On Sunday March 31, 2013 starting 5 PM at the Arroyo Vista Community Center (4550 Tierra Rejada Rd Moorpark, CA 93021), Al-Awda's Conejo Valley chapter will host a screening of "Degrees of Incarceration" with discussion by Nidal Al-Azraq. This will be followed by presentation by Khayrieh Zubaidi about the current dire situation in Al-Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp in Syria. For further information please email amanibarakat@gmail.com or call 805-390-6480 or 805-217-7138

Events on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/227521314061403/?ref=22>

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